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Letter dated 26 December 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by Iran between 26 June and 19 September 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Iranian violations of the ceasefire resolution and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 26 June-19 September 2001

1. 26 June 2001

At 0700 hours the Iranians fired indiscriminately at the Bihar area of Faw district, and one citizen was shot and killed as he was fishing in his boat on the Iraqi side of the Shatt al-Arab. He had been accompanied by another citizen, Muhammad Qasim Abd al-Abbas, who was seized by an Iranian patrol together with the boat. His fate is still unknown.

2. 27 June 2001

At 0530 hours two Iranian helicopters were seen flying along the Iranian border strip parallel to the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Bihar area. They continued their flight for 15 minutes.

3. 4 July 2001

Iraqi tender 380/Basrah left Faw being towed by boat 2894/Basrah and boat 2655/Basrah. At 1400 hours on 5 July they were intercepted by the Iranian authorities. The tender, its cargo still on board, was taken in tow by the Iranian tugboat Iram into Iranian territorial waters and the two boats and their crews were released.

4. [July 2001]

The Iranian authorities detained a vessel belonging to a commercial bureau in Basrah. The crew consisted of its Iraqi master, Jamil Abd Allah Muhammad al-Ghadban, and nine seamen of Sri Lankan and Indian nationality. The Iranian authorities confiscated their passports and expelled them into Iraqi territorial waters.

5. 11 July 2001

Four new Iranian vehicles coming from Iran's Qasr-i Shirin area and carrying a group of persons arrived in Maydan district. They visited the headquarters of the spurious Badr Labour Corps and then proceeded to the Kalar area and from there headed towards Sulaymaniyah governorate. At 1800 hours on the same day the vehicles in question returned to Maydan district, where they again visited the Labour Corps headquarters, and then headed into Iran.

6. 15 July 2001

At 1200 hours the Iranians opened fire in the Sayhan area (on the bank of the Shatt al-Arab), shooting and killing one citizen.

7. 17 July 2001

Iraqi tender 389/Basrah had left Mina' al-Nasr for Mina' Khawr al-Zubayr. On 19 July it was intercepted near the Karin area and taken in tow by an Iranian tugboat towards Iranian territorial waters. The boats that had originally been towing the tender were then released but not the tender itself, which was towed to the Iranian side.

8. 19 July 2001

At 1000 hours an Iranian enemy position at coordinates 3157 began to direct intermittent fire at our units.

9. 20 July 2001

At 1645 hours an Iranian patrol — a red boat carrying three or four armed persons — fired indiscriminately at the joint maritime checkpoint at coordinates [illegible].

10. 22 July 2001

At 2000 hours the Iranian enemy fired two 81-millimetre mortar rounds (illumination) at coordinates 5542.

11. 24 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work mending the old road and spreading ballast at coordinates 5753. Four vehicles, two graders and two excavators took part.

12. 18-24 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at the oil rig at coordinates 9122.

13. 25-27 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work mending the old road and spreading ballast at coordinates 5753. Three dump trucks, three bulldozers and two excavators took part.

14. 26 July 2001

At 1030 hours four Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles approached our units at coordinates 564491. Eleven armed persons alighted and searched the area. They approached to a distance of 50 metres and then withdrew.

15. 26 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit was seen at coordinates 413553 mending the road beyond the berm. The unit consisted of one vehicle and one bulldozer. An excavator was also seen mending the berm at coordinates 321543. Work stopped at 1000 hours.

16. 27 July 2001

At 1830 hours a white Iranian remotely piloted aircraft was seen flying on a circular course at high altitude. It disappeared towards the west.

17. 26-29 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work constructing a new berm at coordinates 564481. Three dump trucks, three excavators, three bulldozers and a water tanker took part.

18. [July 2001]

Unusual concentrations of Iranian army elements armed with light, medium and heavy weapons (tanks and 50-rocket-capacity launchers) and with Scud surface-to-surface missiles have recently been noted along the border strip, especially in the Sumar sector opposite the Mandali sector.

19. 29 July 2001

At 0800 hours the Iranian tugboat Ona Fu F.B. proceeded to reconnoitre the Iraqi customs checkpoint from a distance of 300 to 400 metres. The tugboat belongs to the Iranian Ports Authority, and its function is to raise submarines. It has on board elements from Iranian intelligence equipped with technical systems and cameras to monitor the boundary strip in the Shatt al-Arab.

20. 30 July 2001

The Iraqi mechanical tender Haziran-1 had left the port of Faw and was heading for the Khawr al-Zubayr waterway when two armed Iranian craft, Ashura-1 and Ashura-2, intercepted it in our territorial waters near the Karin area. The crewmen were held at gunpoint, beaten, relieved of all their personal documents and detained for a period of six hours. The tender was taken into Iranian territorial waters, and the seamen returned to Faw district on one of the Iraqi launches fishing in our territorial waters.

21. 30 July-11 August 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on a new berm opposite our units at coordinates 564488. Two excavators, one bulldozer, two dump trucks and a water tanker took part. At the same time, the Iranians began work on a new berm at the oil rig that has been set up opposite our units at coordinates 565572. Two excavators, two dump trucks and two water tankers took part.

22. 1 August 2001

At 2130 hours an Iranian patrol fired a number of rounds at the Iraqi customs checkpoint.

23. 1 August 2001

At 1300 hours someone in a small boat carrying four civilians proceeded to film the Iraqi customs checkpoint with a video camera from a distance of 200 metres.

24. 2 August 2001

At 2130 hours an Iranian patrol fired a number of rounds at the Iraqi customs checkpoint at the approach to the Shatt al-Arab. No damage was caused.

25. 3 August 2001

At 1935 hours a Land Cruiser vehicle and a motorcycle were seen opposite our units at coordinates 571522. They reconnoitred the area of the Iranian engineering works. At 2100 hours they left the area.

[25a]7 August 2001

An Iranian patrol detained three Iraqi fishing boats (242/Basrah, 302/Basrah and 550/Basrah) together with their 27 crewmen in the Faw — Ras al-Bayshah area as they were returning from fishing in our territorial waters.

26. 11 August 2001

At 0830 hours the Iraqi tender 7 Nisan and five other craft left Faw, and they reached the Iranian inspection point located one kilometre south of Faw at 0130

hours. The numbers of the vessels were recorded by the Iranian inspectors without further interference.

27. 11 August 2001

As the tender 7 Nisan arrived at the far end of the Shatt al-Arab at 1430 hours, it was intercepted by two Iranian craft that had been moored at the sunken crane, the Antarah. Each craft carried four armed men. They proceeded to arrest the crew of the tender and the pilot, who undertook to guide them into Iran's Bandar Imam harbour. The total number of crewmen on the tender was 18.

28. 10-22 August 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on a new berm at coordinates 564485. Two bulldozers, two graders and one dump truck took part.

29. 10-22 August 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on a new berm at coordinates 565575. One grader, two bulldozers, two excavators, one dump truck and one water tanker took part.

30. 10-22 August 2001

The Iranians began work at the oil rig erected opposite our units at coordinates 9122.

31. 11 August 2001

The Iraqi tender Al-Fida' came under indiscriminate and provocative fire from the Iranian side while returning from its assignment at the Umm Qasr silo to the Basrah silo and riding at anchor near the Iraqi checkpoint, thus endangering the tender and its crew. Vessels frequently find themselves in this recurring situation.

32. 12 August 2001

At 1100 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian interior towards Wadi al-Za`faran. It circled towards the west flying at moderate altitude.

33. 13 August 2001

At 1115 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen flying at moderate altitude inside Iranian territory opposite our units at coordinates 4648.

34. 15 August 2001

Fishing boats 558/Basrah, 340/Basrah and 142/Basrah were detained by the Iranian authorities. They were released on 22 August.

35. 17 August 2001

The Iranians fired in the direction of Faw district, and Muhammad Abd al-Sayyid Karku was shot as he was standing in front of his home.

36. 22 August 2001

At 0203 hours the Iranians fired in the direction of the Fadaghiyah area and Muhsin Khalid Sawwadi was hit in the left shoulder by one round.

37. 23 August 2001

An Iranian patrol in the Shatt al-Arab seized Iraqi boat 4599/Basrah and abandoned the persons who had been on board in a location close to the Karin area of the Shatt al-Arab.

38. 23 August-2 September 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on a new berm at coordinates 564484. Two bulldozers, two excavators and three dump trucks took part.

39. 23 August and 2 September 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work on a new berm at coordinates 565586. One grader, two bulldozers, two excavators, three dump trucks and one water tanker took part.

40. 23 August and 22 September 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at the oil rig that had been erected opposite our units at coordinates 9122.

41. 29 August 2001

At 0400 hours the Iranians fired a number of rounds in the direction of the Umm al-Rasas area of Faw district in Basrah Governorate. A fisherman, Ali Badr Awdah Radi al-Shurayfi, born in 1978, was shot and later died of his wounds.

42. 29 August 2001

At 0900 hours a small blue Iranian boat carrying persons wearing civilian clothing was seen at the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab opposite Ra's al-Bayshah. One of the persons took photographs of the Iraqi shore and the Iraqi customs checkpoint one kilometre from the tubular bridge at coordinates 6781420 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr).

43. 30 August and 1 and 2 September 2001

At 0800 hours work was seen to be under way near the oil rig at coordinates 8436.

44. 30 August 2001

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen working at coordinates 9024. One Poclain, one ambulance and eight persons took part.

45. 31 August 2001

At 0100 hours a group of infiltrators, acting in coordination with collaborators in the area, fired 10 107-millimetre Katyusha rockets at Iraqi units in the southern sector.

46. 31 August 2001

At 0230 hours a group of infiltrators with two motorcycles tried to penetrate inside Iraqi territory. They were engaged, and one of the motorcycles was damaged and seized while the other escaped.

47. 1 September 2001

An Iranian engineering unit was seen salvaging a boat near the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the southern end of Umm al-Rifaq island at coordinates 290978 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The unit consisted of a pontoon with a crane and two divers and a number of civilians.

48. 1-2 September 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work at the new outpost opposite our units at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). There were 11 workmen with two pick-up trucks.

49. 4 September 2001

At 1205 hours an Iranian helicopter flying from Muhammarah towards Abadan at low altitude violated Iraqi airspace. It then returned to the Iranian interior.

50. 19 September 2001

At 1002 hours an Iranian aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 6,500 to 7,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace from a point west of the Rada'iyah area. It entered international airspace four kilometres north of the Rawanduz area and circled inside the Iraq-Iran triangle for a period of one hour and 26 minutes. At 1128 hours the aircraft disappeared into Iranian airspace.